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ATTENDING LA SCALA OPENING (SEPTEMBER 3-12)

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1. FOLLOWING ARE UNCLASSIFIED BIOS OF ALL FIVE PARTICIPANTS IN MILAN POLITICAL DELEGATION TRIP TO US TO ATTEND LA SCALA OPENING IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 7:

2. GIUSEPPE ABBONDANZA (PSI), MILAN PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE (GIUNTA). GIUSEPPE ABBONDANZA (NICKNAME: NUCCIO) WAS BORN IN TURIN ON MAY 17, 1935, AND IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE MILAN PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE (GIUNTA) IN CHARGE OF ECONOMICS, LABOR AND AGRICULTURE. HE STARTED TO WORK IN HIS TEENS, CARRYING ON HIS STUDIES (IN MODERN LITERATURE) AT THE SAME TIME. A YOUNG, RUTHFUL COMMUNIST AND MEMBER OF THE MILAN PCI CITY COMMITTEE, ABBONDANZA PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN ORGANIZING THE 1960 STRIKES AGAINST THE TAMBRONI GOVERNMENT. HIS AREA OF SPECIALTY WAS THE "SOUTHERN PROBLEM." BETWEEN 1962 AND 1964, ABBONDANZA WORKED FOR THE PARTY'S TRAINING OFFICE AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, HE FOUNDED "UNIVERSITA' 67," A MOVEMENT WHICH PRESAGED THE STUDENT REVOLTS. ABBONDANZA'S CAREER AS COMMUNIST ENDED IN 1967. IN FOLLOWING YEAR HE JOINED SOCIALIST PARTY AND BECAME MEMBER OF PSI MILAN PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE, OFFICE UNCLASSIFIED

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HE HAS HELD EVER SINCE.

BESIDES POLITICS, ABBONDANZA'S INTERESTS INCLUDE URBAN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS FOR FOOD AND OTHER GOODS. AS FAR AS AGRICULTURE IS CONCERNED, HE IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN IRRIGATION SYSTEMS.

ABBONDANZA IS THE AUTHOR OF SEVERAL PAPERS ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, ECONOMICS, AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS. HE SPEAKS LITTLE ENGLISH. HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER LICIA BUGANI CARMANINI. THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN.

3. PROF. GIANSTEFANO FRIGERIO, MILAN DC PROVINCIAL PARTY SECRETARY. FRIGERIO IS MAN OF BROAD INTERESTS WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE POLITICALLY AS CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT SINCE HIS STUDENT DAYS, PARTICULARLY IN DC YOUTH MOVEMENT, OF WHICH HE WAS MEMBER OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE FROM 1964 TO 1966. HE IS PART OF DC LEFTWING BASE FACTION AND ALLIED THEREFORE WITHIN MILAN PARTY WITH FIGURES LIKE NEWLY-ELECTED DEPUTY PIERO BASSETTI AND REGIONAL PRESIDENT CESARE GOLFARI. BASE FACTION GENERALLY FAVORS CLOSER COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNISTS THAN DO MORE CONSERVATIVE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS.

FRIGERIO WAS BORN DECEMBER 4, 1939, AT CERNUSCO SUL NAVIGLIO (MILAN) AND HOLDS A DEGREE IN ANCIENT LITERATURE FROM CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN MILAN. HE ALSO STUDIED LAW AND HUMAN RELATIONS AT SAME UNIVERSITY.

FROM 1966 TO 1968, FRIGERIO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUTH MOVEMENT FOR GROUP OF SMALL TOWNSHIPS OUTSIDE MILAN. IN 1970 HE BECAME PARTY SECRETARY BOTH FOR THIS SECTION AND FOR CERNUSCO SUL NAVIGLIO. FROM DECEMBER 1968 UNTIL MARCH 1974, FRIGERIO WAS MEMBER OF MILAN DC PARTY COMMITTEE AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE ALSO BECAME MANAGER OF THE PARTY TRAINING OFFICE. FROM 1970 TO 1974, HE WAS DC GROUP LEADER IN THE MILAN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL. UNTIL JUNE 1975, HE WAS MILAN PROVINCIAL COUNCILLOR. IN MARCH 1974, HE WAS ELECTED MILAN DC PROVINCIAL SECRETARY. SINCE NOVEMBER 1964, FRIGERIO HAS BEEN MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL OF CERNUSCO SUL NAVIGLIO AND IS CURRENTLY IN CHARGE OF URBAN PLANNING AND LABOR PROBLEMS. HE HAS ALSO BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LA SCALA IN MILAN SINCE 1972. FRIGERIO HAS TAKEN KEEN INTEREST IN HEALTH PROBLEMS. SINCE APRIL 1971 HE HAS BEEN PRESIDENT OF LOCAL HOSPITAL IN CERNUSCO SUL NAVIGLIO (OSPEDALE UBOLDO), A 445-BED HOSPITAL WHICH IS DESTINED TO BE ENLARGED (TO 745 BEDS) AND BE TAKEN OVER BY PROVINCE. FRIGERIO IS ALSO VICE PRESIDENT OF LOMBARDY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION AND, SINCE NOVEMBER 1975, VICE PRESIDENT OF ITALIAN FEDERATION OF REGIONAL

HOSPITALS.

FRIGERIO IS MARRIED TO FORMER MILENA MAGATTI, THREE YEARS HIS JUNIOR AND FROM SAME HOM TOWN. HE SPEAKS VERY LITTLE ENGLISH.

4. ANTONIO TARAMELLI (PCI), MILAN CITY EXECUTIVE (GIUNTA). TARAMELLI, BORN AT LODI (MILAN) ON JUNE 5, 1928, HOLDS A DEGREE IN MECHANICAL DESIGN. TARAMELLI'S PUBLIC CAREER BEGAN IN 1956 AS CITY COUNCILOR IN LODI, POSITION HE KEPT UNTIL 1970. FROM 1964 UNTIL 1970 HE WAS VICE PRESIDENT OF CIMEP (CONSORZIO INTERCOMUNALE MILANESE EDILIZIA PROPOLARE), INTERTOWN AUTHORITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING IN PROVINCE OF MILAN. IN 1969 HE BECAME PROVINCIAL COUNCILOR IN MILAN. HE RETAINED THAT POSITION UNTIL JUNE 1975 WHEN HE WAS ELECTED TO MILAN CITY COUNCIL AND BECAME MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR LABOR AND PERSONNEL. HE ALSO BECAME GROUP LEADER FOR COMMUNIST MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. TARAMELLI'S CAREER IN ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY STARTED IN 1951 IN MILAN CITY PCI. IN 1960 HE ASSUMED SUPERVISORY POSITION (DIRIGENTE) IN SMAE ORGANIZATION. FROM 1970 TO 1975 HE WAS MEMBER OF MILAN CITY PCI SECRETARIAT. TARAMELLI LISTS HIS MAJOR INTERESTS AS STUDY OF URBAN ORGANIZATION AND SYSTEMS; ORGANIZATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES, TRANSPORT, SCHOOL AND SPORTS FACILITIES; AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE IN LARGE FACTORIES. TARAMELLI DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH.

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5. CARLO TOGNOLI (PSI), MAYOR OF MILAN. CARLO TOGNOLI, NAMED MAYOR OF MILAN BY HIS PSI COLLEAGUES MAY 12, 1976, WAS BORN JUNE 16, 1938, IN MILAN. HE LOST HIS FATHER IN WORLD WAR II IN RUSSIA. TOGNOLI GRADUATED FROM MOLINARI TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND, IN 1956, ENTERED SOCIALISTS YOUTH FEDERATION.

FROM 1960 TO 1963, TOGNOLI WAS MEMBER OF MILAN PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PSI YOUTH FEDERATION. IN 1963 HE WAS ELECTED MEMBER OF MILAN CITY COMMITTEE. FOLLOWING YEAR HE WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF PRESS OFFICE. IN 1965 HE WAS ELECTED TO MILAN PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OFFICE WHICH HE HELD UNTIL 1966 WHEN HE BECAME MEMBER OF PSI-PSDI MILAN PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOLLOWING MERGER OF THOSE TWO PARTIES. WHEN PSI AND PSDI SEPARATED AGAIN IN 1969, TOGNOLI STAYED WITH PSI, BECOMING MILAN CITY SECRETARY. IN 1972, HE BECAME MILAN PROVINCIAL VICE SECRETARY.

IN ADDITION TO HIS WORK WITHIN PARTY, TOGNOLI HAS BEEN ACTIVE AS PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR. HE WAS CITY COUNCILLOR IN CORMANO (NEAR MILAN) FROM 1960 TO 1964 AND MEMBER OF CITY EXECUTIVE THERE UNTIL 1970.

TOGNOLI WAS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SEA (SOCIETA' ESERCIZI AEROPORTUALI - MILAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY) FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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1966 TO 1969. IN 1969 HE BECAME ITS VICE PRESIDENT. TOGNOLI AND OTHER MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS VISITED US FOR TEN DAYS IN MARCH 1967.

TOGNOLI WAS ELECTED TO MILAN CITY COUNCIL AND CITY EXECUTIVE IN 1970. AFTER JUNE 15, 1975, LOCAL ELECTIONS, TOGNOLI WAS NAMED ASSESSORE FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

TOGNOLI IS DESCRIBED AS QUIET, MODERATE, KIND, LOYAL AND ARTICULATE. HE STANDS FOR SOCIALIST PARTY SHARPLY DISTINCT FROM PCI AND HAS BEEN VERY FRIENDLY WITH US CONSULATE OFFICERS. A HARD WORKER AND GOOD ADMINISTRATOR, HE PAINTS AS HOBBY. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO ADOPTED CHILDREN. TOGNOLI IS SHORT MAN (5'4") AND SMOKES CIGARS.

6. DR. ROBERTO VITALI (PCI), PRESIDENT, MILAN PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE (GIUNTA). ROBERTO VITALI, 35, IS FIRST COMMUNIST PRESIDENT OF PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE IN MILAN.

HE JOINED PCI AS TEENAGER AND HAS SINCE BEEN VERY ACTIVE
IN PARTY LIFE.

VITALI WAS A GRADUATE OF ONE OF THE BEST CLASSICAL HIGH
SCHOOLS IN MILAN AND HAS A UNIVERSITY LAW DEGREE. AS
STUDENT, HE MADE REGULAR USE OF MILAN USIS LIBRARY
AND HAS A SURPRISING KNOWLEDGE OF US, EVEN THOUGH
HE DOES NOT KNOW ENGLISH. VITALI HAS TRAVELLED A GOOD
DEAL IN EASTERN EUROPE, VISITNG THE COUNTRIES OF POLAND
AND EAST GERMANH T AMONG OTHERS. HE HAS NEVER BEEN TO
THE UNITED STATES.

VITALI WAS A MEMBER OF THE CITY EXECUTIVE (GIUNTA) OF
CESANO BOSCONI (A MILAN SUBURB) FROM 1967 TO 1970. IN
THAT YEAR HE JOINED THE PCI PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION.
HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PCI PROVINCIAL SECRETARIAT,
AN OFFICE HE RESIGNED IN APRIL OF 1976 DUE ALLEGEDLY
TO HIS INCREASING WORKLOAD AS PRESIDENT OF THE PROVINCIAL
ADMINISTRATION. HE ASSUMED HIS PRESENT POSITION FOLLOWING
THE JUNE 15, 1975, ELECTIONS.

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VITALI IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN PROBLEMS OF URBAN
ADMINISTRATION.

HE IS MARRIED TO A FELLOW COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER.
THEY HAVE A DAUGHTER OF FOUR. WRIGHT

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